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SUBJECT: DGCA REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF CAAG MEMBER

REF: (A) STATE 76460 (B) STATE 78986

1. DGCA SALIM BIN NASSIR HAS BEEN TRAVELING FREQUENTLY AND HENCE UNAVAILABLE FOR CONSULATION. EMBOFF MANAGED TO HOLD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH HIM APRIL 17 DURING WHICH DGCA REAFFIRMED HIS DESIRE THAT WHEATLEY BE REPLACED. HOWEVER, GIVEN EXISTING WORK LOAD AND FACT THAT HE IS "FED UP" WITH TDY ARRANGEMENTS, NASSIR NOW REQUESTS WHEATLEY REMAIN IN OMAN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS PERMANENT REPLACEMENT ON BOARD.

2. CONCERNING TIMING, DG STRESSED THAT PERMANENT REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE IN OMAN AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AND IN ANY CASE HE EXPECTS THAT CAAG MEMBER TO BE HERE WITHIN 90 DAYS ESTABLISHED IN EARLIER EXCHANGES OF MESSAGES.

3. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND KEEP EMBASSY ADVISED RE STATUS OF RECRUITMENT OF REPLACEMENT. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT CANDIDATE(S) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR DGCA'S APPROVAL BEFORE ASSIGNMENT PROCESS COMPLETED.

4. RE PAR 2 REF (B), DGCA HAS NOT RPT NOT INDICATED DISSATISFACTION WITH WHEATLEY'S JOB PERFORMANCE DURING PERIOD SINCE HE REQUESTED WHEATLEY'S REPLACEMENT.

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WHILE HE WANTS WHEATLEY TO GO, HE OBVIOUSLY WANTS

HIM TO REMAIN TO FILL THE JOB UNTIL PERMANENT REPLACEMENT ON BOARD. EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT WHILE WHEATLEY BELIEVES HE HAS UNJUSTLY BEEN MADE VICTIM OF DGCA'S MARCH REQUEST FOR HIS REMOVAL, AND THOUGH HE HAS REGISTERED HIS OBJECTIONS ORALLY WITH DGCA AND POSSIBLY IN WRITING TO FAA/WASHDC THROUGH UNOFFICIAL CHANNELS, HE IS CURRENTLY PERFORMING HIS JOB ADEQUATELY. NO INDICATION HAS REACHED US SUGGESTING THAT SITUATION IS CAUSING HIM SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF PERSONAL NATURE SO FAR.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER FOR RECORD PURPOSES EMBASSY SHOULD ASK DGCA TO PROVIDE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT OF WHEATLEY FROM CAAG.
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